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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR FAHMY

REF: CAIRO 5664

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. IN RESPONSE TO FAHMY'S APPROACH TO YOU ON PRESS REPORT-
ING OF SALZBURG TALKS, YOU SHOULD TELL HIM IN MY NAME THAT
HE IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IN HIS JUDGMENT THAT NEWSWEEK AND
SPATE OF OTHER PRESS STORIES HAVE NOT COME FROM US.
NONE OF THE SPECULATION IN THE PRESS CAN POSSIBLY HAVE ANY
FACTUAL BASIS BECAUSE WE HAVE BRIEFED NO ONE IN OUR PRESS
OR ELSEWHERE ON THE DETAILS DISCUSSED AT SALZBURG, AND THE
ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN GIVEN NO DETAILS.

2. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT, AS FAHMY HIMSELF KNOWS, THE
ISRAELIS THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO SHIFT FOCUS TO
INTERIM AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUE OF DURATION, AND ISRAELI
PRESS HAS CARRIED A GOOD DEAL OF SPECULATIVE COMMENT ON
THIS SUBJECT SINCE WELL BEFORE SALZBURG MEETINGS, INCLUDING
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SPECULATION ABOUT NUMBER OF YEARS DURATION. (US EDITION

OF NEWSWEEK, INCIDENTALLY, DOES NOT MENTION WARNING STATIONS.)

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM FAHMY THAT, IN OUR BRIEFINGS OF THE CONGRESS, WE HAVE ADHERED STRICTLY TO LINE THAT THERE WERE

NO CONCRETE DECISIONS AT SALZBURG AND THAT NO CONCLUSION IS YET POSSIBLE ON WHAT COURSE OF ACTION IT MIGHT BE REALISTIC TO PURSUE.

4. I SUGGEST THAT BOTH OF US MAINTAIN THE LINE THAT THE PRESS IS SPECULATING ON THE BASIS OF NO HARD INFORMATION FROM EITHER OF US. WE HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY TIGHT-LIPPED HERE ON DETAILS AND ARE CONFIDENT GOE HAS DONE THESAME. KISSINGER

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